AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Presently Amended) A computer display comprising:

a LCD housing made in a single piece from a single light transmissive material, said material having the same light transmissive characteristics throughout, wherein the transmissive material provides a casing and structural support for handling by a user;

a light source coupled to the LCD housing;

a LCD coupled directly to the LCD housing;

a reflective coating on at least a portion of a surface of the LCD housing, wherein light is reflected by said reflective coating; and

wherein the LCD housing functions as a light pipe for conducting light from the light source directly to the LCD and protects the LCD.

2. (Original) The computer display of claim 1 wherein the light source is at least partially enclosed in the LCD housing.

3. Cancelled

4. (Previously Presented) The computer display of claim 2 wherein the reflectively coated outer surface is comprised of a material that attenuates EMI emssions.

5. (Original) The computer display of claim 4 wherein the LCD housing includes an inner surface and the LCD is adjacent to the inner surface.

6. (Previously Presented) The computer display of claim 5 wherein the light source is a cold cathode fluorescent lamp.

7. (Previously Presented) The computer display of claim 6 wherein the reflectively coated outer surface includes a metallic coating.

8. (Previously Presented) The computer display of claim 4 wherein the LCD housing includes an inner surface, the light source is at least partially enclosed in the LCD housing such that a gap exists between the LCD and the inner surface of the LCD housing, and wherein light from the LCD housing is conducted through the gap.

9. (Previously Presented) The computer display of claim 8 wherein the light source is a cold cathode fluorescent lamp.

10. Cancelled

11. (Previously Presented) The computer display of claim 4 wherein the light source is substantially enclosed in the LCD housing.

12. (Original) The computer display of claim 11 wherein the light source is a cold cathode fluorescent lamp.

13. (Original) The computer display of claim 12 wherein the reflectively coated outer surface includes a metallic coating.

14. Cancelled

15. (Original) The computer display of claim 1 wherein the LCD housing includes an outer surface that partially conducts light out of the LCD housing.

16. (Presently Amended) A computer comprising:

a display panel;

first means for generating light for the display panel; and

second means made in a single piece from a single light transmissive material for housing the display panel, wherein the second means is connected directly to the display panel, wherein the transmissive material provides a casing and structural support for handling by a user;

a reflective coating on at least a portion of a surface of the second means, wherein light is reflected by said reflective coating;

wherein the second means functions as a light pipe so as to conduct light received from the first means for generating light directly to the display panel; and

wherein the single light transmissive material has the same light transmissive characteristics throughout.

17. (Presently Amended) A method for conducting light in a computer system having a LCD and a LCD housing comprising:

generating light; and

conducting the generated light through the LCD housing directly to the LCD, wherein the LCD housing is made in a single piece from a single light transmissive material, wherein the LCD housing includes a reflective coating; and

wherein the single light transmissive material has the same light transmissive characteristics throughout and functions as a light pipe for illuminating the LCD and as a housing which protects the LCD, and wherein the transmissive materials provides a casing and structural support for handling by a user.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein the step of generating light includes generating light with a cold cathode fluorescent lamp.

19. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein the step of conducting the generated light includes conducting the generated light through a LCD housing that is coated with a coating that reduces EMI emissions.

20. (Presently Amended) A computer display comprising:

a LCD housing made by a unitary construction of a single translucent material which has the same light transmissive characteristic throughout, and wherein the translucent material provides a casing and structural support for handling by a user;

a reflective coating on at least a portion of a surface of the LCD housing, wherein light is reflected by said reflective coating:

a light source coupled to the LCD housing so as to transmit light into the LCD housing; and

a LCD coupled to the LCD housing such that said LCD is supported by said LCD housing, and wherein light received from the light source is transmitted from the LCD housing to the LCD.